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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MAAG DISESTABLISHMENT: NORWEGIANS PROPOSE TO TERMINATE
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENT

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1. PURSUANT TO EMBASSY'S NOTIFICATION TO GON OF MAAG DISESTABLISH-
MENT (REFTEL A), MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNDER DIRECTOR LEIF
MEVIK CALLED IN POLCOUNS AND ODC SHIEF TO OUTLINE A GON PROPOSAL
TO CONCLUDE ITS PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES TO
EMBASSY UNDER ARTICLE IV OF U.S.-NORWEGIAN MUTUAL DEFENSE
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (MDA) OF 1949.

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2. IN OUTLINING GON PROPOSAL MEVIK EMPHASIZED THAT GON HAS BEEN
EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH MAAG ARRANGEMENT, BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM
MAAG SERVICES AND RECEIVED ITS MONEY'S WORTH. IN VIEW OF
TERMINATION OF THE MAAG AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ODC WITHIN EMBASSY,
HOWEVER, HE SAID GON FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY PAYING
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE NEW OFFICE. MEVIK SAID
GON WOULD FIND IT HARD TO EXPLAIN TO PUBLIC WHY IT WAS

MAKING SUCH PAYMENTS.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, GON NOW PROPOSES TO U.S. (A) TO TERMINATE GON PAYMENTS UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE MDA AGREEMENT AS OF 1 APRIL 1977, AND (B) TO DELETE ARTICLE IV 1 FROM THE AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR SUCH EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS. THIS MEANS, IN EFFECT, THAT NORWAY WOULD PAY APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF THE 1.3 MILLION KRONER (\$254,000) BUDGET PROPOSED BY EMBASSY FOR CURRENT YEAR'S MAAG/ODC OPERATION.

4. EMBOFFS SAID THEY WOULD CONVEY GON PROPOSAL TO APPROPRIATE U.S. AURHORITIES. THEY POINTED OUT THAT USG AND EMBASSY ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING AND ASSESSING ODC TASKS AND DECIDING HOW REMAINING MAAG TASKS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG VARIOUS ORGAINIZATIONS, INCLUDING ODC, EMBASSY AND DEFENSE MINISTRY. WHEN THIS EVALUATION IS COMPLETED EMBASSY WOULD HAVE BETTER IDEA HOW THESE SERVICES SHOULD BE ASSIGNED AND PAID FOR. MEVIK SAID GON AUTHORITIES ASSUMED THAT MANY OF MAAG'S TASKS COULD BE TURNED OVER TO DAO, AND EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION DAO COULD NOT ASSUME MUTUAL DEFENSE SECURITY FUNCTIONS.

5. MEVIK SAID GON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN U.S. REACTION TO GON EXPENDITURE PAYMENT TERMINATION PROPOSAL AND WOULD CERTAINLY APPROACH ISSUE WITH AN OPEN MIND. NORWEGIANS LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MATTER WITH U.S.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S ODC IS NOW COMPLETING FULL ASSESSMENT OF ITS ODC TASKING. WE THEN PROPOSE TO SET FORWARD BY CONFIDENTIAL

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SEPTEL OUR EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
ON ALLOCATION OF FORMER MAAG RESPONSIBILITIES AND ON A USG
REPLY TO GON PROPOSAL.
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